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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,549,593 issued October 29, 1985, to Yahagi et al. This reference was previously cited and listed on a PTO/SB/08 A & B submitted October 24, 2004.
2. CN 1071937A published May 12, 1993. This application corresponds to EP 0 555 288 B1.
3. EP 0 555 288 B1 published August 18, 1993, to Akzo Nobel N.V.
4. CN 1120558A published April 17, 1996. This application corresponds to USP 5,688,871.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,688,871 issued November 18, 1997, to Inui et al.

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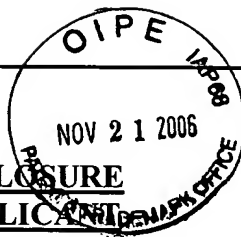
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